

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Shinji INOUE et al. Group Art Unit : 2156

Appl. No. : 10/596,780 Examiner : T.V. VO
(U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP2004/019232)

I.A. Filed : December 22, 2004 Confirmation No. : 1404

For : DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND DATA PROCESSING METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir :

In response to the Office Action of April 20, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 20, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a **Listing of the Claims** beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.